

## DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that student activities at school are a vital part of the total educational program and shall be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skills. The Board believes that school citizenship, as reflected in student activities, provides experience in daily human relations which cannot be found in any other educational contact.

The co-curricular athletic programs should be designed to give many students an opportunity to develop their interests, attitudes and skills for future years without damaging their academic development. Competition should provide a healthful, enjoyable experience whereby the emotional, mental, social and physical development of young men and women can be fully achieved. Good Citizenship/Sportsmanship should always be of prime importance.

The Board further believes that any program of student activities shall:

1. require all student participation to be on a voluntary basis;
2. require that student activity funds be used for purposes which benefit the student body of the school; and
3. require that the management of student funds be the responsibility of the students, with assistance from the administration.

The Board encourages the full participation in co-curricular and athletic programs and other activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allows.

Students must abide by the Co-Curricular Activity Code and with all rules and regulations established by the respective state controlling agency and the Board.

The District shall not discriminate in student participation in co-curricular/athletic programs or other activities, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy, however, does not prohibit separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District, or from providing separate toilet, locker and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
120.12(23)  
120.13(1)  
PI 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint  
Procedures  
Co-Curricular Activity Code

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The Board further believes that any program of student activities shall:

1. require all student participation to be on a voluntary basis;
2. require that student activity funds be used for purposes which benefit the student body of the school;
3. require that the management of student funds be the responsibility of the students, with assistance from the administration; and
4. strive to be self-sustaining.

Co-curricular activities shall be planned in such a way as to provide for as much student participation as possible. The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school students in co-curricular and recreational programs and activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allows.

Students must abide by the co-curricular activity code in order to participate. **{NOTE: I added this statement based on information found in the 04-05 middle/high school student handbook, to provide a reference to the activity code requirements. The code is also included in the cross reference section below.}**

The District shall not discriminate in admission to any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District, or from providing separate toilet, locker and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established complaint procedures.

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CROSS REF.: 411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint  
Procedures  
662.1, Student Activity Funds Management  
Co-Curricular Activity Code

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**NOTE: This policy was found in your district's current policy manual (602.13 - no approval date). I revised it for stylistic reasons and as outlined above. (WASB - 8/05)**